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St. Lambert school unveils new education wing

Jake Schreck
Entertainment Co-Editor

At the end of the 2008-09 school year, the east side elementary school St. Lambert expanded to include the students from Cathedral elementary.

The school previously accommodated elementary aged students from the St. Lambert and St. Therese parishes. Now it is expanded to also include the parishes of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Josephine Bahkita, in addition to the former Cathedral students.

The number of students increased, but the size of the building did not, and this was the cause of some difficulties.

"The needs for expansion were evident and also unique in that we serve four parishes," said St. Lambert principal Barbara Lockwood. "Just a few years ago we moved to offering full-day kindergarten. Unfortunately the space available made for one classroom that was literally twice the size of the other. This posed inequity issues."

"We had been housing our art program and computer lab in the same room, but as the curriculum and testing demands for computer lab time have increased a separate computer lab became a need," she continued.

The idea of a new wing came up in order to cater to the increase in student enrollment at the school.

"It was not your typical parish building project," said Lockwood.

In addition to the new classrooms that this new wing includes, it provides space for the school's special needs programs.

"St. Josephine Bahkita is a Title I program that was added to our site," said Lockwood. "Title I is a federally funded program to provide additional support services to students in need of academic assistance."

"Then we added an English Language Learner Program as well. We were also able to move our guidance counselor out of his closet office."

Construction on the new wing began in July 2011, and was opened for



LAUREN BIRD / KNIGHT SCROLL

Teachers have decorated classrooms in the new St. Anne Wing of St. Lambert. Construction on the new wing began in July 2011 to accommodate the increase in student enrollment and was opened for use at the beginning of January 2012.

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Republican candidates seeking presidential bid down to four

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Throughout 2011, 11 Republican candidates have made a bid for the presidency. As the debates and primaries continue, the pool has been dwindling.

With only four candidates left, Republicans are fighting to find the right candidate to challenge President Barack Obama.

Initially, former governor Mitt Romney appeared to be the front runner. However, since the primary elections have begun, he has been sharing the spot light.

Though it was initially reported that Romney won Iowa, Sen. Rick Santorum actually beat Romney in the Iowa caucus by only 34 votes. Romney proceeded to win the open New Hampshire primary by a margin of about 16%. Former Speaker of the House won the South Carolina primary with 41.1% of the votes.

Representative Ron Paul has yet to official win a primary, but came in second to Romney in New Hampshire.

When the primary elections began, the Republican party had seven candidates to choose from,

in addition to write-ins.

Representative Michele Bachmann was the first of these candidates to remove herself from the race. She stopped her campaign after the Iowa caucus.

Governors Jon Huntsman and Rick Perry also dropped out before the primary in South Carolina. Huntsman, who had done better than expected in New Hampshire, has announced his support for Romney. Perry is endorsing Gingrich.

Even though South Dakota's primary election is one of the last to take place, South Dakotans still find it important to keep up with the elections and the policies of the four final Republican candidates.

According to Siouxland Republican Women centered in Sioux Falls, the economy, job creation and the foreign affairs of the military are considered important



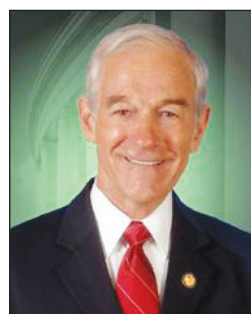
Rick Santorum



Mitt Romney



Newt Gingrich



Ron Paul

issues to the people of South Dakota.

Since the state has a closed primary election, the candidates will have to hold true to conservative ideals to win the vote of South Dakota's Republicans.

South Dakota's primary is set for June 5 along with California, Montana, New Jersey and New Mexico.

Value of recycling seen as city companies offer motives to reduce waste

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

With seven billion people drinking out of plastic water bottles and buying items with bulky packaging, landfills are filling up quickly.

Ahead of the pack, the United States is the number one trash-producing country in the world. The average American throws out 1,609 pounds of garbage per year.

Though it does not completely eliminate trash, recycling is a way to reduce the brimming waste in landfills and to promise a cleaner earth for future generations.

"Recyclable items are sent to Millennium Recycling. Then those items are dumped on the floor with forklifts," said Novak Sanitary Service Sales Representative Melissa Wenck. "It's a really smart system; a material-sensing machine can sort through a pile of recyclable items."

Although recycling is important for the conservation of resources, energy, and land use,

minimizing and finding new uses for trash have the most impact.

"Our society has really changed in the sense that we reuse items less than in the past," said Wenck. "People need to find different uses for reusable items."

Spearheaded by Mayor Mike Huether, a local grant-funded Master Plan has been proposed to target waste minimization and sustainability. The city ordinance of Sioux Falls has taken an initiative to ban certain materials from being disposed of in the landfill.

One local garbage company, Novak Sanitary Service, has devised an incentive program called Recycle Bank to persuade customers to actively participate in recycling. By throwing an empty milk jug in the recycling bin, Novak customers can receive prizes with their Recycle Bank points.

"Our customers are educated about single stream recycling and are expected to

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Abnormal weather patterns gradually returning to normal

Tom Breske
Sports Co-Editor

To South Dakotans, a 40 degree forecast in December isn't comprehensible. Not this December, when we didn't see more than a light snow, and Christmas was anything but white.

"It's very unusual to have temperatures this warm for so long," said KSFY meteorologist Phil Schreck of early January. "If you look at the last week of December and the first week of January, our average high temperature was 43.4 degrees, which is the highest ever."

Mild weather, sunny skies and a surprising lack of snow in December may be unheard of recently, but it is nothing new to South Dakota.

"From Oct. 1, 2011 to Jan. 7, 2012, our average high temperature in Sioux Falls was 50.1 degrees," said Schreck. "That's third place all-time for the three month time period."

We've seen such warm weather a few times before. "1999 was the last time that we've been this dry," said Schreck.

Not only was the weather unusually warm, there was surprisingly little snow. "I loved

it, because I could drive around with my sun roof open" said senior Sarah Barthel. She was disappointed when the snow finally came. "Now it's just obnoxious because driving conditions are so unpleasant."

Many students embrace the snow and use it as a source of fun. Sophomore Chris Gaher enjoys snowboarding at local ski resort Great Bear.

"The snow was really bad for a while," said Gaher, referring to manufactured snow that was in use on the mountain during the high temperatures. "It's gotten a lot better since the real snow came."

Freshman Emily Ortmann prefers sledding. "It's a really fun way to let loose and also get outside during the winter," said Ortmann.

Mr. Groos was happy with the dry weather. "Everyone was saving money," said Groos. "We reserve thousands of dollars every year just for snow removal, so it was great not to have to use that in December."

Things are "back to normal" in Sioux Falls, when the snow made a long-anticipated arrival in late January.

Beloved custodian gives insight into life, jobs prior to Sioux Falls

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

For several years, custodian Mary Daggett has been a familiar and welcome face at O'Gorman High School. However, Daggett worked a variety of jobs before coming to the Catholic School System.

Daggett has worked specifically at the high school since August of 2007 when she transferred from the Cathedral. She works closely with the work study students and also takes care of maintaining the academic wings.

Unknown to most students at O'Gorman, Daggett had an array of occupations before the one she holds now.

For about eight years she drove trucks. Her route encompassed the general Chicago area but sometimes expanded to the surrounding states.

"I worked for a company in their office and mail center and would kind of do both," said Daggett. "Where ever they needed me."

Daggett was not quite so relaxed about coming to live in Sioux Falls. I "hated it when I first moved here, but I've grown to love Sioux Falls," said Daggett. "It has a lot to offer."

Daggett had experience before becoming employed at the high school as she cleaned private homes in Illinois. This aided her decision to work for the Catholic School System.

"I thought it would be interesting working with students," said Daggett. "Plus I was good at it and could bring something to the schools."

Daggett said that what she enjoys most about her job is the people she works with.

"They're very good to me. And when I'm out in public and all the kids recognize me, it makes me feel good," said Daggett.

Students at O'Gorman would agree with Daggett, as many recognize her outside of school and enjoy seeing her in the hallways.

"Mary is such a sweetheart," said senior Meggie Jervik. "She is always standing in the senior hall before and after school and she always says hello to ev-



ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Custodian Mary Daggett cleans the doors leading into O Wing. Daggett has worked at O'Gorman High School since 2007.

everyone with a smile on her face - even if she doesn't know them."

Another aspect of Daggett's life that is unknown to most is that she is married and has two children. Her husband works for A-1 Duct Pros where he cleans furnace ducts in homes.

Daggett's daughter graduated from Washinton High school and is now a freshman in college. Her son is a junior at Lincoln High School.

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students' first day back from Christmas vacation.

A dedication mass was held and the new addition was blessed by Bishop Swain.

"We had a fun ribbon cutting event that morning," said Lockwood. "Then the students were able to go to their new classrooms for the first time. All of the other classes then were invited to tour as scheduled throughout the day."

The new addition cost the school \$700,000 a number that could have been much higher without

the help of parents and volunteers.

"We had help with painting and shelving projects, received some welcomed used furniture to help furnish the rooms, and were blessed by some gift in kind donations as well," said Lockwood.

The new wing was named the St. Anne wing in honor of Sydney Anne Jones.

Jones is a former St. Lambert student who passed away while attending Creighton University in February 2010.

"Her warm spirit lives on in the school she so loved," said Lockwood.

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recycle accordingly," said Wenck. "The Recycle Bank is a free service that rewards customers in exchange for them to save the planet."

Novak utilizes the Single Stream Recycling method in which customers may throw recyclable items such as cardboard, plastic and aluminum pop bottles, glass jars, and magazines into one bin instead of sorting them out individually.

"When I first started working here, we could only recycle

paper. Now we use Novak's Single Stream Recycling," said O'Gorman janitor Mary Daggett.

"The Recycle Bank is a free service that rewards customers in exchange for them to save the planet."
- Melissa Wenck

"Students and teachers are both responsible for recycling the right items."

Novak also strongly encourages people to in dispose of elec-

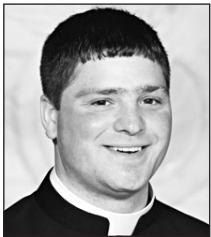
tronics and household chemicals properly because they can contain harmful toxins and heavy metals that could contaminate water supplies.

Over 10% of our landfills are comprised of one small item: plastic bottles, says ecoevaluator.com. To reduce this unnecessary waste, one easy solution is to purchase a reusable water bottle.

"O'Gorman only allows clear water bottles so many students throw out the plastic ones," said Daggett. "It is shocking how many plastic and glass bottles I pull out of school trash cans everyday."

Father Venner discusses importance of St. Valentine

Fr. Jonathan Venner
Guest Writer



Fr. Venner

On Feb. 14, we celebrate "St. Valentine's Day." St. Valentine was an early Roman martyr who was put to death in the third century.

If you attend Mass in most parishes on that day, however, you will probably not hear the Mass of St. Valentine.

While the Church honors many saints, only a fraction is listed on her liturgical calendar.

The official list of recognized saints is the "Roman Martyrology."

While the Roman Liturgy was undergoing major changes in the second half of the 20th century, its general calendar was re-shuffled.

In the Roman Martyrology for Feb. 14, listed along with St. Valentine, was St. Cyril. This means that Feb. 14 is believed to be the actual day when St. Cyril died.

Because the general practice of the Church is to celebrate the feasts of saints on the anniversary of their death, it was decided to move the feast of St. Cyril, along with his brother, St. Methodius, from July 7 to Feb. 14.

At that time, it was also decided to simply drop St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar. Thus, while St. Valentine is still indeed a saint, his feast is rarely celebrated according to the reformed liturgical books.

The Church, however, does still celebrate St. Valentine on Feb. 14.

While the "Mass of Paul VI" is the "Ordinary Form" of the Roman Rite which we commonly see, the Church continues to treasure and celebrate the Latin Mass as it had developed from ancient times up until the 20th century.

This is called the "Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite," or the "Mass of Blessed John XXIII."

If you should be so fortunate as to attend this form of the Mass on Feb. 14, you very well might hear the Mass of St. Valentine.

Campus Ministry groups tackle faith-based projects

Frankie Maxwell
Jake Schreck

This spring semester, Campus Ministry is offering the opportunity for students to grow in their relationships with God and their classmates through school retreats.

"This spring semester, we have a few retreats planned," said Campus Minister Jonathan Konz, "We will have our senior retreat themed 'Set the world on fire' on Feb. 8.

Sophomore and junior retreats will both be on April 24.

Each different class retreat will provide students with the chance to grow in different areas of the Christian faith.

"The freshman retreat is the more general introduction to the building of your

relationships with God, yourself and others.

The sophomore retreat focuses more on our relationship with others through Christian service.

The junior retreat has a focus on our relationship with others and with ourselves, using Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" as a framework for discovering who it is that God calls us to be as men and women of God," said Konz.

"The senior retreat wraps it all up again by turning again to our relationship between God and us, and also how to survive the transition to college."

Konz is encouraging students to come into these retreats with an open mind in order to get the best out of the experience.

"All of our retreats are great," said

Konz, "But you only get something out of an experience when you immerse yourself in it.

If you go to your retreat and fight every part of it, you'll end up wasting your day away. If you leave yourself open to the opportunities before you, you'll have a good time, guaranteed."

This is the final year that the class retreats will take place on different days throughout the school year. As of next year, all of the class retreats will be held on the same day.

"It will take a lot of planning, but will benefit the school greatly," said Konz.

It will allow all of the students and the faculty to celebrate our faith together."

Miracle in Poland sparks attention

Veronica Fritsch
Faith Co-Editor

When we think of miracles in the Bible, Jesus walking on water, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead often come to mind. However, sometimes we tend to think of miracles as ancient and nonexistent in the modern world.

With a great amount of the media's attention focused on celebrities, reality shows, and the latest Hollywood gossip, modern day miracles tend to get overlooked.

"We can learn to see the miracles of the moment in the little things," said campus minister Jon Konz. "We can see the extraordinary in the ordinary when we allow ourselves to become vehicles for God's grace and be the miracle for one another."

Theology teacher Joe Rutten said that "miracles are important for Christian faith because they provide us with evidence that God works in the world, caring for those he created and offering evidence of his continued presence in our

world today."

A miracle that took place in Eastern Poland in the town of Sokolka is a truly astonishing happening for the Catholic Church.

During a Mass in 2008, a brown spot appeared on a host. The host had fallen to the floor and the congregation believed the brown spot to be part of the heart of Jesus.

The host was immediately taken to be examined by two medical doctors where it was confirmed that the brown spot was a piece of muscle tissue of

the heart.

Archbishop of Bialystok, Edward Ozorowski, expressed the gratitude and awe felt by himself and the diocese as being the chosen place for this miracle.

To honor this happening, the host was processed in and later displayed at Saint Anthony's church for the public to view.

Although skeptics claim that the spot found on the host could have been involved in a crime, there has been no link to any type of offense.

Upcoming Campus Ministry Events

Senior Retreat- Feb. 8

Ash Wednesday- Feb. 22


Campus Ministry Dress Down- Feb. 24

Empty Bowls- Mar. 13

Sophomore Retreat- Apr. 24


Junior Retreat- Apr. 24


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Food, music, fun abound at annual Capers fundraiser

Shae Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

Capers: A playful leap, skip, or dance. This year's theme is "What a Wonderful World." Concert choir holds this annual fundraiser to raise money for the out of state trips.

The show is also used as a way to show the community what they can do.

"It's showcasing the depth of talent that this group has," said choir director Cathy Britton. "It's a deviation of what we usually do."

This year, 39 acts auditioned for the show in front of six judges who are alum. Most of them are now music teachers.

Out of the 39 who auditioned, 24 got into the show in total.

For group performances there is a boys number, a girls number and three large group numbers.

The show is broken into two parts, the actual program and the dinner show.

"What's fun about Capers is being able to get

together with your classmates and do something we all enjoy," said senior Michelle Connelly.

Before the show, all of the acts come together for warm ups. They warm up with songs like "God Be In My Head," "Spirit of the Living God," and "Amen."

"This year is special to me because sophomore year I worked the event by doing coats, hoping I could be on that stage next year," said Connelly. "I didn't make it, but I still helped junior year with Tech."

"I usually make dinner music, but it's nice because you can sit back and enjoy the show," said senior Jessica Eckerstorfer. "Everyone is always involved."

"I guess it's more important to me this year because it's my last year of choir," said senior Semehar Ghebrehidan. "It's like the second coming of the homecoming variety show, and I know I can make Capers."

Capers will be on Feb. 27 at the Ramkota exhibit hall. Dinner starts at six. Tickets are 25 dollars.



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Sophomore Clara Bentz and Mickey McGrann watch a fellow actor's monologue during a One Act practice. The girls play two Amish girls in the upcoming production *The Amish Project*.

Amish Project set to premiere in Aberdeen at state festival

Josh Jorgensen
Sports Co-Editor

This year's one act play is set to debut Feb. 2-4 in Aberdeen.

The one act chosen for this year is the drama *The Amish Project*. The choice contrasts last year's show, an up-beat musical.

"It's definitely a different piece because it is so unique, but Fester always picks good ones for the cast," said senior Charlie Solomon.

"I always look to bring something new to the state festival. Last year we did a musical and before that a comedy. I want the students to experience a drama as well," said

Fester.

"I love challenging the students with plays that touch on social or cultural dilemmas in the world in which we live."

The play chronicles a schoolhouse shooting and becomes dark at times. The play is mostly about forgiveness, but when Frankie Maxwell is on stage it is dark," said Solomon.

The forgiveness comes from Carol, portrayed by senior Geni Fuller, as she forgives Eddie, played by Maxwell. In the play Eddie kills 10 girls, and then himself, Carol then has to fight through her anger and forgive Eddie.

"The play is based upon the re-

action of the Amish as they offered condolences to the wife of the gunman as well as forgiveness to the gunman," said Fester.

"It focuses on the effect the Amish had on the world and especially those nearest to the tragedy. The power of forgiveness is the center of the play."

"(My Expectations are) it will be fun, and we should win superior and hopefully receive other awards," said Solomon.

Before going to State, O'Gorman will perform a show at Brandon Valley High School on Jan. 30 and in the Performing Arts Center on Jan. 31 before going to Aberdeen on Feb. 1.

Show Choir readies for season; new coach hopes for big year

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

With the competition show choir season quickly approaching, performers are looking for a repeat of last year's success, along with their coach.

"I think this season holds a lot of potential. If we can maintain focus and start desiring success, I have no doubt we will be amazing," said Molly Amundson, a senior and returning Ovation member.

"We're all starting to get into the show choir mood. We're all working hard, and the show is definitely coming together."

Practices began this summer, consisting of retreats and working out to get in shape for the demanding song and dance numbers.

"We have been practicing hard by cleaning choreography and improving our vocals during the school day and on Thursday nights. Things are definitely starting to come together," said Amundson.

The team faces not just the challenges of the upcoming season, but of adjusting to a new director, Randi Wallenberg, after Mrs. Cathy Britton ended her tenure as director last year.

"I have been blessed to work as a part of the show choir team at O'Gorman for several years, the past three as assistant show choir director under Mrs. Cathy Britton. She has taught me the things that I need to know to make sure that the program maintains its forward momentum and is of the highest quality," said Wallenberg.

Both Ovation and Knightlights consists of experienced singer/dancers, band members, and tech crew that have been involved for several years, even though the Ovation program began in 2001 and Knightlights in 2003.

The shift has been relatively smooth for both director and performers.

"The students have helped with the transition in roles as well with their leadership, drive, and work ethic."

The choir continues to strive for "a clean show, vocally, choreographically, band, and crew-wise," said Wallenberg. "Some of the challenges when performing and competing include ensuring that we practice perfection and execute what we practice when we are on stage."

Upcoming Activities

All City Mass - Feb. 3

Show Choir Parent Show - Feb. 9

Oral Interp @ Harrisburg - Feb. 10-11

Winter Formal - Feb. 19

Musical Auditions - Feb. 20-21

Show Choir Elementary Tour - Feb. 21

Show Choir Competition - Feb. 25

Capers @ Ramkota - Feb. 27

Show Choir Competition - Mar. 3



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Boys push ahead as quest for three-peat continues

Tom Breske
Sports Co-Editor

Knights basketball is back with two players returning from last year's state championship squad and many new players stepping up.

This year, the Knights have proven that teamwork is the best way to win basketball games.

Competition is stronger than before as many teams around the state have talented seniors. "There isn't a gimmie on the calendar," said head coach Derek Robey. "Anyone can beat anyone else on any given night. Mitchell, Pierre, Brookings, Watertown and of course all the Sioux Falls schools will be very good."

A high-intensity, excited Brookings team gave the Knights their first in-state loss in early January. "It isn't the end of the world," said Robey "We will learn from it and improve." Starting guard Austin Ridl was out with a back injury, and the Bobcats rarely missed a shot in the second half.

Similarly, the Knights were only one point away from giving the all-star team of La Lumiere a huge upset at the Mike Miller Classic. Nick Mimmack got the tip-off, which would, after much effort, bring the Knights to a surprising 41-33 lead at half. The Knights played excellent defense against the 25th ranked team in the nation. La Lumiere is a team of mainly Division I recruits.

Halftime gave La Lumiere a chance to rebound. They surged ahead in the last few minutes to



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Senior Sam Wallin drives the lane against Rapid City Central.

escape with a narrow 74-73 win over the Knights. Connor Schaefer led the team with 22 points.

"To play that close against those guys was outstanding for us as a team," said senior forward Sam Wallin. Both teams were given a standing ovation immediately following the game at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Losses have not distracted the senior-led Knights this year, who still hold the number one spot in the state. Their main focus is to win in the district championship and ultimately win the state tournament.

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With new coaching additions, powerlifting in hunt for state title

Veronica Fritsch
Faith Co-Editor

The powerlifting team is back and ready for the season. Placing second in the state as a team last year, the Knights hope to build upon last year's success and make impressive strides in the 2012.

The Knights have plenty of talent to work with this year as certain key members look forward to a record breaking season.

Leading the team is junior Michael Reichelt. Reichelt is expected to not only break many state records, but also national ones. His ultimate individual goal for the season is to get first at nationals on March 27 in the Wisconsin Dells and advance to Internationals, which are held in Austria in August.

Reichelt noted that he enjoys powerlifting because it allows him to have an escape from the busyness of the rest of the day. "It is a good release".

Leading the girls division this season is senior Katie Raaen. Raaen has had a successful power lifting career throughout high school. Several school and state records are within her grasp this year.

Alongside Mr. Ed Whiting and Casey Raaen, Ben Frank joins the power lifting staff this year as an assistant coach. Frank is an O'Gorman alum and former powerlifting com-

petitor. Frank has experience with coaching powerlifting, as he was the assistant coach for the west side Special Olympics when he attended Black Hills State University. This semester, he will continue to coach for the Special Olympics, but with the east side program.

The coaches have been impressed with the caliber of talent the upperclassmen possess, as well as what the new underclassmen have brought to the team.

The team also possesses many strong leaders and members of each grade have stepped up. "We have great leaders on this team and I expect nothing but the best from all of them," said Frank.

The Knights are aiming high in hopes of winning the state meet this year. "Every year our expectation is to win state and just do our best. As coaches we want everyone to shoot high and work hard at their goals. We have great coaches in Whiting, Casey, and me. We love seeing people accomplish their goals and to help them in any way possible. The reason we are coaches is because we love to see people succeed," said Frank.

The Knights hosted the ninth Annual Powerlifting Invite on Jan. 28 and are looking forward to the state meet. The South Dakota Powerlifting Championships will be held on March 3 in Madison.

Lady Knights rebound after 1-4 start

Dusty Haffeman
Staff Writer

After a tough losing streak to begin the year and a bright winning streak midway through, the Lady Knights look to steady, consistent play to help them finish strong.

Injuries have been a factor to the Lady Knights' inconsistent play, particularly concussions to senior Ashton Weber and junior Allie Kneip.

Kneip, who is now back from her concussion, looks to help propel the Lady Knights as they close out their schedule and head into districts.

"The season has had its ups and downs, but that is normal," said senior Rachel Ormseth.

"We have had some amazing wins and some disappointing losses, but the silver lining is that we are improving every game and things are slowly starting to get a little

better."

A particular emphasis has been placed on increasing practice intensity.

Experimenting with different drills and focusing more on effort and passion can now be seen in the practice routine.

"We have started to push harder in practices, and I believe that is where much of the success we have had comes from," said Ormseth.

The Lady Knights started off their season winning their opener and following that up with a four game losing streak.

They broke that funk by winning their next seven until their most recent loss to west side foe Roosevelt.

"Going through these phases was a big test for us," said Ormseth. "Instead of just going through the motions again and again, we had tougher practices and pushed harder than ever."

The high point for the Lady Knights'

season thus far was the beating of Lincoln.

It was a great accomplishment for the Lady Knights since they were not expected to win that game.

"It was truly amazing to beat Lincoln," said Ormseth. "We worked so hard and limited their key players to fewer points than what other teams were able to do."

As the rest of the season looms ahead, the Lady Knights really want to emphasize defense and rebounding.

Another challenge they want to accomplish is to be more comfortable in their offense.

"I believe that by the end of the season we will be among the top competitors in the state because our offense will come together more and our defense keeps improving," said Ormseth.

The Lady Knights are looking forward to district play beginning in early March.



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Alyssa Brazil drives the lane against the Watertown Arrows. The Lady Knights fell 49-37. The Lady Knights went on a seven game winning streak after beginning the season 1-4.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Conor Tomac goes for a pin against his Lincoln opponent.

Wrestlers working way to state

Josh Jorgensen
Sports Co-Editor

The O'Gorman wrestlers are fighting their way through regions in hopes of sending some of its members to the state tournament in Aberdeen on Feb. 24-25.

"I am optimistic and hope that we have a number of qualifiers which turn into place winners and champions at the state meet," said head coach Jeff Gordon.

Losing many members to injuries at the beginning of the season, the team is hoping to get some of their seniors to qualify.

"As a team, we haven't met our expectations, but our practices have been getting better," said senior Tyler Peltier. "We have begun doing two-a-days to help us get in better shape."

Although this season has not met the hype, the team has grown through their leaders.

"Our seniors have really led the team, but also we have gotten a lot of support from junior Jack Schuver," said Gordon.

This year's team is also has members chasing a monumental record: to be the all time wins leader at O'Gorman.

"I think Tyler and Ben do a

good job of going out and competing hard every week. I doubt if they know how close or far away from the record they really are," said Gordon.

"I think in wrestling it is important to pursue a goal. The school record is a good goal. I appreciate and respect the fact that this goal is less important than how our team is doing, they want the team to do well first."

Currently Ben Fichter holds a slight edge over Peltier in the race, and while both will most likely pass, only one can be on top.

"It's fun to chase records,"

said Peltier. "I wake up every day and strive to beat Ben. There is some tension."

As for the ultimate team goal of getting a state champion, both Fichter and Peltier have been there the last three years and have experience.

"You need to be wrestling well at the right time. Both Ben and Tyler have state tournament experience and have been to the semi-finals. Two years ago Tyler finished second," said Gordon.

"These two would be the most likely candidates but not the only ones who would have an opportunity."

Young team focuses on strong progression as GDC meet nears

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

Logging practice hours six days a week, a relatively young gymnastics team looks to finish the season as one of the best in the state.

"The season is going great," said Josie Heisel, the only senior on the team. "Mitchell is our greatest competition this year. We've been neck and neck with them most of the season."

Important meets to train for consist of GDC in Rapid City on Feb. 4 and the state meet for varsity Feb. 17-18 in Brookings.

Head Coach Emmy Cotten

said the state meet will be fun and filled with many talented gymnasts from around the state.

"With such a young team consisting of two seventh graders, four eighth, three freshmen, two sophomores, and only one senior we have a lot of years to look forward to," said freshman Emily Groth.

The young team's goals reflect their successes thus far.

"The team's goal this season is a team goal of 142 at state, which we've met once already this season. We're also hoping to take third at state and beat Mitchell," said Heisel.

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"Our senior leadership is outstanding," said Robey, "Nobody cares who gets the credit, everyone just plays hard and understands their roles."

Senior forward Sam Wal-lin and point guard Connor Schaeffbauer return from last year's state championship team with a combined seven years of varsity basketball under their belts.

Not to mention Nick Mimmack, who has filled some pretty big shoes at center. "I like to beat up on guys down low," said Mimmack.

In at shooting guard is senior Austin Ridl, who will be returning to the lineup after a brief back injury, which rendered him unable to play for three weeks. Senior guard Ryan Lindberg has also established

himself as a sniper on the three-point line.

Senior guard Jake Rogers, junior guard Kyle Scholten and junior forward Tyler Pals give the Knights the added depth they need to finish the season with a state championship. "We work as a unit," said senior point guard Connor Schaeffbauer, "the guy with the open shot takes it, but it's we're together on every play."

The Knights are coming off of an important 45-41 win against Roosevelt. They look ahead to this weekend, where they are playing at home versus Pierre and Roosevelt.

While the season isn't over yet, one thing is certain: O'Gorman is still the team to beat. "Everyone wants to beat O'Gorman," said Robey, "I guess I wouldn't want it any other way."

Cold, snow can't stop winter runners

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

Although most sports are in the midst of their competitive season, winter track is working toward their goals for the spring.

With the main focus of getting in shape for track season, some participate for mere enjoyment as well. "It's way more relaxed than the normal track season and you are able to meet some new people," said senior Keegan Miles.

Until recently, the unexpectedly high winter temperatures have helped the runners to stay motivated through the winter months. "I like spring track a lot better because of the nicer weather," said Miles. "But the atmosphere is always fun and we try to get a lot of work done."

There are 30 students involved ranging from all grade levels. "You can definitely see a difference between the kids who run in the winter and keep in shape year round," said Miles. "It's a lot easier to improve your times for the normal season."

The team members meet three times each week and run three to four miles each time.

Close losses give bowlers confidence to push on

Shae Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

Since the start of the season last November, the Knights bowling team has seen a fair share of hardships and successes.

"We bowled Brandon going in with them undefeated. We didn't lose by much," said coach Kevin Scott. "We've been really close in several matches. We're coming together."

The team has met a few small setbacks, but that doesn't seem to make the girls any less willing to compete.

"Picking up spares and other simple things have kind of gotten away from us, but the girls are really starting to push and that's what's important," said Scott.

"The team has been trying to win and sometimes we've come close," said senior Allison Keuter.

The team has played nine games this year and has a record score of 512.

Their next game is on Friday, Feb. 27. "We'll be in pretty good shape for that," said Scott.

Oscar Preview



The Artist



The Descendants



Extremely Loud
& Incredibly Close



The Help



Hugo

Best Director

- Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*
- Alexander Payne, *The Descendants*
- Martin Scorsese, *Hugo*
- Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris*
- Terrence Malick, *The Tree of Life*

Best Actor

- Demián Bichir, *A Better Life*
- George Clooney, *The Descendants*
- Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*
- Gary Oldman, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*
- Brad Pitt, *Moneyball*

Best Actress

- Glenn Close, *Albert Nobbs*
- Viola Davis, *The Help*
- Rooney Mara, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*
- Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*
- Michelle Williams, *My Week With Marilyn*

Best Supporting Actor

- Kenneth Branagh, *My Week With Marilyn*
- Jonah Hill, *Moneyball*
- Nick Nolte, *Warrior*
- Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*
- Max von Sydow, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*

Best Supporting Actress

- Bérénice Bejo, *The Artist*
- Jessica Chastain, *The Help*
- Melissa McCarthy, *Bridesmaids*
- Janet McTeer, *Albert Nobbs*
- Octavia Spencer, *The Help*

Best Original Screenplay

- Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*
- Annie Mumolo and Kristen Wiig, *Bridesmaids*
- J.C. Chandor, *Margin Call*
- Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris*
- Asghar Farhadi, *A Separation*

Best Adapted Screenplay

- Alexander Payne, Jim Rash, and Nat Faxon, *The Descendants*
- John Logan, *Hugo*
- George Clooney, Grant Heslov, and Beau Willimon, *The Ides of March*
- Aaron Sorkin and Steven Zaillian, *Moneyball*
- Peter Straughan and Bridget O'Connor, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*

Best Animated Feature Film

- A Cat in Paris*
- Chico & Rita*
- Kung Fu Panda 2*
- Puss in Boots*
- Rango*

Best Foreign Language Film

- Bullhead* (Belgium)
- Monsieur Lazhar* (Canada)
- A Separation* (Iran)
- Footnote* (Israel)
- In Darkness* (Poland)

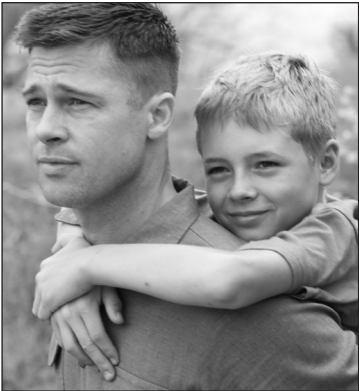
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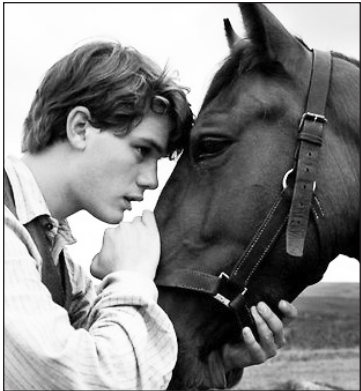
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War Horse

Readers hooked on *Hunger Games* trilogy

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

The modern world has been destroyed by apocalyptic disasters. North America, or Panem, has been separated into 12 districts.

These poverty-stricken districts produce resources for the governing body, the Capitol.

Led by the sinister, foul smelling President Snow, the Capitol oppresses its people while taking its fair share of luxuries.

The Hunger Games, written by Suzanne Collins, has been categorized as a young adult fiction novel but is more suitable for a mature audience fascinated by apocalyptic action novels intertwined with romance.

Every year, two children from each district of Panem are randomly selected in the reaping to perform in the hunger games.

The hunger games, a bloody example representing the pow-

er of the Capitol, are a way to avenge the rebellion of a previous district.

This trilogy targets the riveting life of Katniss Everdeen, a 16-year-old girl from District 12. After her younger sister is chosen in the reaping, Katniss dramatically volunteers to take her place.

The action commences when Katniss and 24 other teenage tributes, including a love interest, are thrown into a simulated environment created to pit tributes against each other.

The one tribute to make it out of this brutal, televised arena is named the victor.

Katniss battles the elements, hunger, injuries, and fellow teammates as well as balances a publicized romantic relationship.

Dealing with heavy themes such as violence, starvation, romance, and rebellion, the plot [of *The Hunger Games*] is incredibly addicting.

"The novel is easy to read

and the pages fly by," said senior James Gaspar.

As the mysterious and determined Katniss reloads her bow and arrow, readers feverishly flip through pages to finish this nerve-wracking cliff hanger.

The combined romance and action themes have made fans associate *The Hunger Games* with the *Twilight* saga.

Both novels deal with themes of romance.

The Hunger Games primarily zones in on fighting and suspense, making the series more gender neutral.

"I feel like *The Hunger Games* are geared towards girls but the plot is entertaining enough for guys to enjoy as well," said Gaspar. "The only correlation between *The Hunger Games* and the *Twilight* series is that people choose teams for their desired lovers."

Collins makes use of simple present tense sentences to immerse the reader in this upset-

ting, futuristic world.

"The way Collins writes the book, in present tense, makes you feel like you are in the story, totally engulfed in another world," said senior Lauren Promes. "It was gripping and addictive and I didn't want to put the books down for a second."

Adding to the suspense of the novel, the character development that pans out throughout the novel is intense and heartbreaking.

"The plot was very original and the characters were compelling," said sophomore Mary Billion. "Also, the romance is very charming, especially with [character] Peeta around."

With the release of *The Hunger Games* movie on March 23, the rightfully-earned publicity of this series is bound to skyrocket.

"*The Hunger Games* is a perfect combination of action, romance, and suspense. Each character is so intriguing, yet relatable," said



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Promes. "Katniss' personality and life is obscure, you just want to be her!"

Although the graphic violence contained in this apocalyptic novel is geared toward a more mature audience, *The Hunger Games* is a creative book with an engrossing plot.

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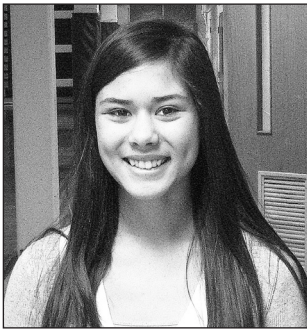
“Masquerade Formal” Kelcie Rushing



Photo Survey

“Who is your dream celebrity formal date and why?”

“Rainn Wilson.
Because he’s
hilarious.”



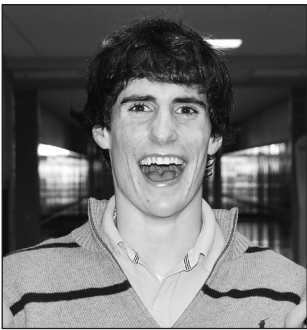
“Selena Gomez.
Because of every
music video she’s
ever been in.”



“Zac Efron.
Because he’s hot.”



“Emma Watson.
Because she’s
magical!”



Guys find clever ways to ask girls to formal

Veronica Fritsch
Cassie Wilka

As Winter Formal approaches, the boys of O’Gorman are handed the opportunity to get creative to ask their prospective date to formal.

In the past, simple flowers were sufficient. However now, many girls’ expectations have risen and the boys are feeling the pressure. Formal is right around the corner. For those of you who are waiting until the last second to ask a date, there is still time and plenty of original ways to ask- Just talk to Tyler Pals and Andrew Sammons.

Asking an upperclassman can always be a little nerve-wracking, but Pals was up to the challenge. After brainstorming and with a little help from some friends, Pals created the perfect way to ask his date to formal- after all, who doesn’t love a good scavenger hunt?

Pals devised a plan and had her meet his date at Wendy’s where two men in tuxedos awaited with a single rose and a clue. The clue had a charming rhyme upon it and directions to the next stop in the hunt, which happened to be O’Gorman. Like the previous stop, two men waited with another clue and rose in hand.

The final clue sent the pro-



spective date to Bracco. Pals told the host to be prepared for a girl to walk in with two roses in hand.

As she entered Bracco, the host immediately recognized the girl and handed her a bouquet of a dozen roses as he led her to the table where Pals was waiting and proceeded to ask his date to formal. His scavenger hunt proved successful when his date happily agreed to go formal.

Sophomore Andrew Sammons also used his imagination in a slightly cheesy, yet romantic way. Using a heart shaped cake pan, Andrew filled it with water, put a personal note on the bottom, and froze it.

When he gave his prospective date the frozen heart, she was told to unthaw it, revealing a note that read, “Now that you’ve melted my heart, will you go to formal with me?” The idea was a hit.

Pals and Sammon’s creativity paid off, but it also required some financial flexibility. For those

who do not want to make such an investment in asking, there are also ways to ask at little to no cost.

The key to asking is coming up with something original and creative. It does not always have to be extravagant, but the girl will appreciate the thought and effort put into it.

The safe and classic option is to show up at her door bearing flowers in hand. But if you want to add a personal touch, bring your instrument and play her a heartfelt song. Even if you are a bit tone deaf, the special song will melt her heart and give her a good laugh.

If you are not afraid of public attention, ask her through the announcements or video scoreboard at halftime of a game. Although this may seem cliché as this technique is utilized in many Hollywood films, it’s almost a guaranteed success.

Asking a date to formal in a cute way is completely necessary. A text message isn’t going to cut it.

So here’s a challenge to all you boys: Swallow your pride and get innovative if you want to make an impression on your date. Not only will it reveal your sweet side, but it will also prove to girls that chivalry is not dead.

Lindemann reflects on O'Gorman in '90s

Ken Lindemann
Guest Writer

One of my favorite stories to tell is of the day I drove to Sioux Falls from Fargo, N.D. to interview for a job at O'Gorman High School. It was July of 1990.

Having attended a Catholic high school in Minot, N.D., I had in my mind that I was about to attempt to secure a position at an old, outdated Catholic high school. I arrived in Sioux Falls, exited onto 41st Street, and proceeded to look for a gas station so I could ask directions to the school.

Shortly after I started driving east, I saw the O'Gorman sign perched high on the south side of a beautiful school atop a hill. The sign and the school stood out like the Hollywood sign in California.

And while the sign still stands out today, most everything nearby has changed dramatically.

During the '90s, O'Gorman added bleachers, a press box and lights to gopher-infested McEnaney field. The rec center, A.K.A. the "tile gym," was added in '92.

The addition of the rec center allowed us to move the weight room(s) out of the closets in the "wood gym" into the current lo-

cation. The strong athletic tradition of O'Gorman High School was already well established when I got to Sioux Falls.

Each year our athletes poured their efforts into capturing Sioux Interstate Conference titles. Unlike life today in the Greater Dakota Conference, our long bus rides were the 75 mile jaunts to Sioux City to challenge our rivals, East and Heelan. In the years we hosted Heelan in football, the game was played at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion. Coach Kuefer liked to get his players accustomed to playing games there.

Other home football games were played at Howard Wood until the '97 season. That same season O'Gorman officially joined the GDC.

Student styles have changed dramatically over the decades too. Girls wearing uniform skirts is a distant memory. I haven't given a guy a "yellow slip" (detention) for wearing his earring since the Clinton presidency. Nor have I had to confiscate any pagers since then.

The grunge look for guys has come and gone. Thankfully, so has the low rider pants problem. At one point this problem was so

bad that we added belts to the dress code so that we wouldn't have to look at guys' boxer shorts anymore.

Another thing that has changed for students is the level of adult supervision they experience each day. Gone are the days of playing cards in the cafeteria or spending an open period outdoors in "the quad" on the north side of the building. (Blame the lawyers).

Infinite Campus, email, ceiling mounted projectors and air conditioning were science fiction at O'Gorman during the '90s. I recall a faculty meeting when we were told that in a few years each classroom would have a computer.

In '97 the math department purchased an IBM tower with a one gigabyte hard drive and the new Windows 3.1 operating system. A year later the department added a state-of-the-art Compaq laptop with a liquid crystal display. Those computers were a great replacement for the paper grade books.

They greatly simplified the quarterly task of writing student deficiency reports. Infinite Campus and email eventually led

to the disappearance of those reports as well as the disappearance of the student tradition of racing home after school to snatch those notices from the mailbox before an adult saw them.

Channel One, a student aimed newscast that was basically a hybrid of MTV, CNN and Saved By The Bell, was also a big part of the technology boom of the 1990s. Each classroom was outfitted with a 20 inch, wall mounted television.

At some point during each day, the TVs would mysteriously come to life to completely disrupt any sense of classroom order. The school had a contractual obligation to let the kids watch these broadcasts, and there were no remote controls for the TVs. But, the teachers quickly learned that they could control the menace by simply unplugging the TVs. We had to keep that technique a secret from the principal, Mr. Bradfield.

Later, the broadcasts became relegated to students in the A-V and G-O lunch study halls.

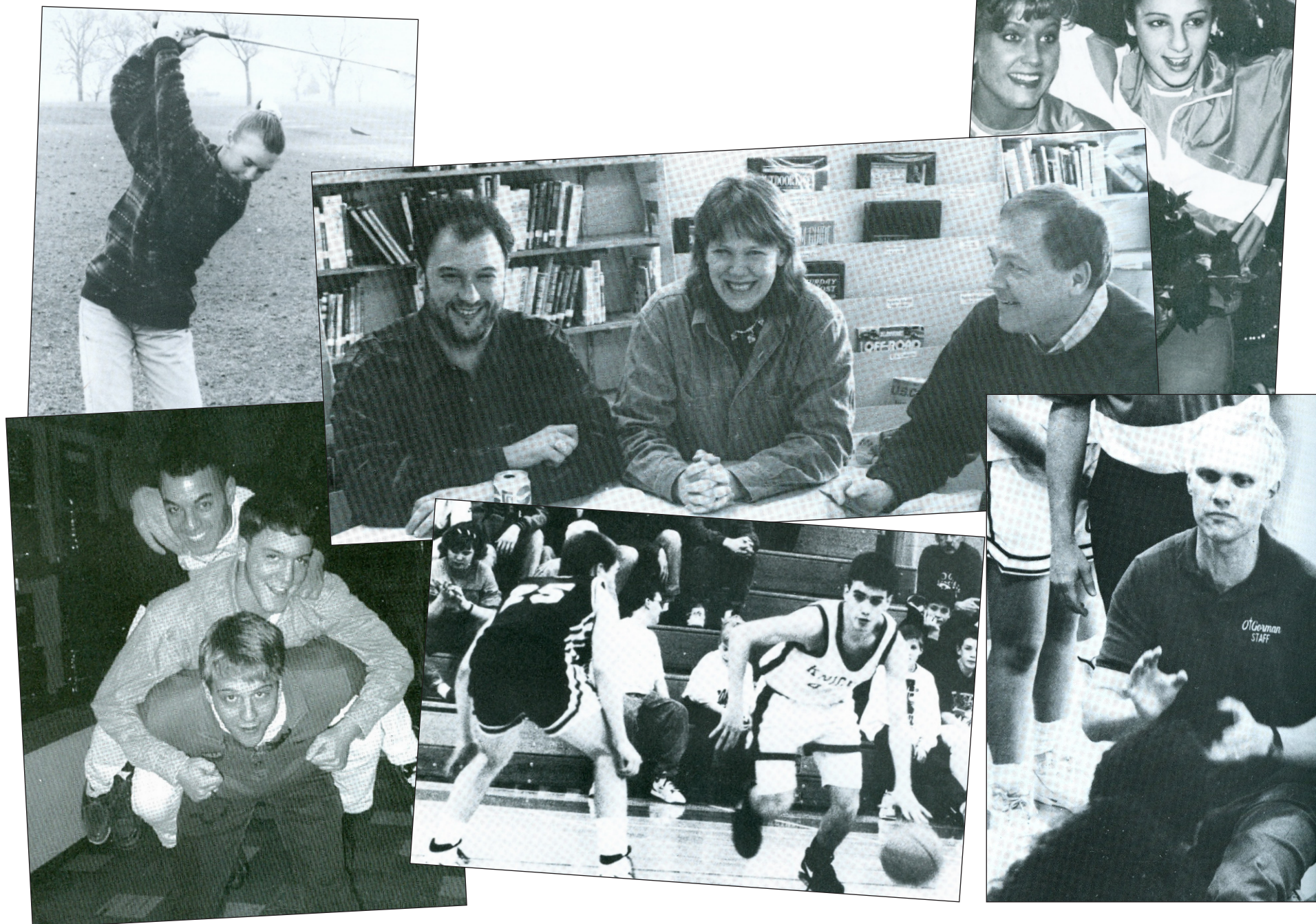
The positive changes to the

O'Gorman community have been too numerous to count since we became the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools. The in-house rivalry between graduates of St. Mary's and Cathedral has been replaced by the cross town rivalry with Roosevelt. The foreign language of choice is now Spanish instead of French. Baseball, soccer, competitive cheer, and rocketry are among the many activities that have been added for the students.

Of course, the most positive changes we have seen have been made by the students. The climate has changed as students have grown in an effort to meet today's higher academic standards.

The new climate controlled building has been pretty nice too. I just wish I could open a window.

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